



**Charter Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Video Conference Via Google Meet / YouTube
1700 North Grand Avenue
Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

Chairman Apodaca called the meeting to order at 1:31p.m.

Roll Call

Present

Commission Chair Francisco Apodaca
Commission Vice Chair Greg Salazar
Commissioner Christine Ludi
Commissioner Lee Einer
Commissioner Sandra Madrid

Absent

Commissioner Matt Martinez

Also Present

Darlene Arguello, Paralegal - City of Las Vegas

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Apodaca called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Madrid made a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

a. April 22, 2021 Meeting

Chairman Apodaca called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2021.

Commissioner Einer made a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No public input was submitted.

Informational Items

1. City Council Update:

Chairman Apodaca talked about meeting with the City Councilors separately and stated that he was getting overwhelming support of the idea. He also stated that he had not yet talked to the Mayor regarding the meeting. Chairman Apodaca proposed having two meetings, one with the Councilors and the other with the Mayor. He also proposed having a meeting with the City Clerk after that. Chairman Apodaca also talked about having a couple more special meetings to be able to meet their September deadline.

2. City Clerk Update:

Chairman Apodaca talked about the outline that was submitted by the City Clerk with revisions and considerations to the Charter. He briefly talked about his quick review of it and stated that the City Clerk did an excellent job. He asked the Commission to review it and have questions ready for the City Clerk at her next appearance.

3. City Manager Update:

Chairman Apodaca stated that City Manager Taylor had some suggestions on some sections and stated that he would talk about them more when the Commission got to those particular sections. He gave a quick overview and stated that they discussed further refining and defining the duties of the City Manager and the Chain of Command. He stated they would discuss it more in depth when the City Manager can appear at a meeting.

Chairman Apodaca asked the Commission if they had any informational items they'd like to discuss or add for a later time.

Commissioner Einer stated that there were items tabled from the previous meeting. Chairman Apodaca stated he would bring those up with the discussion items.

Discussion Items

1. Continued Review of City Charter Article II and Continuation of Review:

Chairman Apodaca opened up discussion on the tabled items, Article II, Sections 2.01 and 2.03 in regards to increasing the number of Councilors from four to eight. These sections were tabled in order to afford Commissioner Ludi the opportunity to be present at a meeting for her input and vote. Further lengthy discussion was held regarding this topic.

Chairman Apodaca asked Vice Chair Salazar since he originally tabled the motion, if he would like to take a vote on the change to Section 2.01(b) from four Councilors to eight Councilors, two per district, or continue to table it.

Vice Chair Salazar stated that he knew how Commissioner Martinez felt about the change since the original motion came from him, but being that he was not present this meeting, he would like to hear it from him. He stated he would like to continue with this table until all members were present at a meeting.

Commissioner Ludi asked if this change would affect the Census. Chairman Apodaca stated not in this case. Brief discussion was held.

Chairman Apodaca opened up discussion on the next item that was tabled. Commissioner Einer reminded the Commission that the item in discussion was the consequences of the unilateral control of the agenda by the Mayor and the ongoing issues with this subject.

Lengthy discussion was held in regards to placing items on the agenda and revisions were proposed to Article II, Section 2.07(c).

Commissioner Madrid expressed concerns regarding the Mayor's role in terms of "ceremonial purposes" and his stature of importance. Chairman Apodaca explained and discussed briefly the verbiage in Article III, Section 3.02 the powers and duties of the Mayor and his role and also the powers and role that the City Clerk would have in regards to the agenda.

Commissioner Ludi expressed her concerns with the agenda being lengthy and having several items on it if they went to eight Councilors and how this would affect the City Clerk if she controlled it.

Further lengthy discussion was held regarding the agenda.

Chairman Apodaca entertained a motion to table the items in Section 2.07(c) until Commissioner Martinez was present at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ludi made a motion to table.

Vice Chairman Salazar seconded the motion.

Motion to table passed unanimously.

Chairman Apodaca opened up discussion on Section 2.08 Ordinances. Chairman Apodaca stated he did not see anything that needed revising and asked if anyone had any revisions to this

section. Vice Chairman Salazar stated not at this time and no other Commission Members had revisions either.

Chairman Apodaca moved on to Article III and opened up discussion. He asked if there were any suggested revisions to Sections 3.01 and 3.02.

Commissioner Einer stated yes and opened up discussion as to Section 3.02 Powers and Duties, in particular the removal of the City Attorney and City Clerk. Lengthy discussion was held and revisions were proposed to Article III, Section 3.02(B)(3).

Commissioner Ludi suggested that the Commission be afforded the opportunity to review the proposed language revisions prior to placing on the Agenda for approval at the next meeting to ensure the language is correct.

Chairman Apodaca stated that he and Ms. Arguello could work together and redline the proposed revisions.

Commissioner Einer moved to table the item for the next meeting when all Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Ludi seconded the motion.

Motion to table passed unanimously.

Chairman Apodaca moved on to Sections 3.03 and 3.04. No further discussion was held on these sections as well as no proposed revisions.

Chairman Apodaca opened up discussion on Article IV – Municipal Court. He briefly went through the sections and brief discussion was held. No proposed revisions as to Sections 4.01 through 4.05.

Chairman Apodaca moved on to Article V – Officers, Directors and Employees. He suggested they hold off on Sections 5.01 through 5.05 until they get the updates from City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney.

Chairman Apodaca moved on to Sections 5.06 through 5.08. Brief discussion was held as to the Chief of Police and questions were asked about the recognition of the Fire Chief. Chairman Apodaca will speak with the Fire Chief and update the Commission at another meeting.

Chairman Apodaca stated they would continue with Article V at the next meeting and moved to adjourn.

Adjournment

Commissioner Einer made a motion to adjourn.

Vice Chairman seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.



Commission Chair Apodaca

8/5/2021
Date